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Attachment 2

**To:** Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman  
Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee  
c/o State Fire Training

**From:** Caryn Petty, Deputy State Fire Marshal

**Subject/Agenda Action Item:** Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Initial Accredited  
Local Academy (ALA) Accreditation

**Recommended Actions:** Recommend that Contra Costa County Fire Protection District become an Accredited Local Academy (ALA) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for the initial accreditation period of three years.

**Background Information:**

An accreditation site visit was conducted on June 12, 2018, at the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District training facility located at 2945 Treat Boulevard in Concord, California. The accreditation site evaluation team included Supervising Deputy State Fire Marshal Chris Fowler, State Fire Training; Deputy State Fire Marshal Caryn Petty, State Fire Training; Chief Jeff Seaton, UC Davis Fire Department, STEAC Representative; and Randy Collins, Fire Technology Program Director at Santa Rosa Junior College. Introductions were facilitated by Assistant Fire Chief Lon Goetsch, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, that included Fire Chief Jeff Carman, Deputy Fire Chief Lewis Broschard, Training Captain Xon Burris, Fire Captain Dave Watson, and Fire Captain Tom Bradley. A review of the provided Self-Assessment Report was conducted by the Site Visit Accreditation Team followed by a tour of all classrooms and training facilities with opportunity to review training course records and equipment compliment.

The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District was formed by the merger of the Central Fire Protection District and the Mount Diablo Fire Protection District in 1964. Since that time, several other fire departments have merged to create a singular organization providing service to the more than 100,000 residents in the 300 square miles that make-up Contra Costa County. The Department's personnel are devoted to fire, emergency medical, wildland, and rescue operations with a thriving Training Division concentrated on maintaining innovative and relevant training delivery programs at all levels of fire service education.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

A tour of the training facilities indicated sufficient classroom space with a fully functioning training tower complete with all necessary props, tools, equipment, and vehicles to accommodate a fire academy training program.

Contra Costa County Fire Protection District has transitioned to the 2013 Fire Fighter I curriculum and is positioning itself to participate in certification exam testing. This facility has the space and props to enable certification exam testing. Several Registered Instructors within the Department participate in the Academy delivery and Contra Costa County Fire Protection District plans to begin hosting several State Fire Training courses at their facility and in conjunction with cooperating agencies.

The Team traveled to the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District training facility and toured the grounds, confirming all props and equipment. Student records and training archives remain secured at the facility in accordance with State Fire Training requirements. The training facility presents a state-of-the-art academy classroom equipped with progressive audio/visual equipment. The best practices observed by the site evaluation team included a dedication to high-quality training with unwavering standardization. Contra Costa County Fire Protection District is a model fire agency that has proudly demonstrated great interagency cooperation and a steadfast focus on diversification efforts.

The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District has demonstrated a strong devotion to training that is indicative of a progressive organization. The site team is unanimous in the recommendation of Contra Costa County Fire Protection District being accredited as an ALA in the SFT system.